THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Four 'A' type and one 'C' type quarter are lying vacant at present. Applications have been called for from the staff who require accommodation and these vacant quarters will be allotted, in the due course.

Pending Application for employment on compassionate grounds in Air India

2509. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) What is the number of applications seeking employment on compassionate grounds pending at present in Air India ;

(b) the time since when these applications are pending, their break-up zone wise and period-wise ;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in providing employment in such cases ; and

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken for expeditious disposal of such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM SHRI (MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) (a) 113.

(b)

Year	Bombay	Delhi	Calcutta	Madras
1983	2	..	..	..
1984	1	..	..	..
1985	3	..	..	..
1986	9	..	..	..
1987	5	7	..	1
1988	11	..	..	2
1989	9	2	..	2
1990	27	2	..	2
1991	17	7	2	2
TOTAL	84	18	2	9

(c) Widows and dependents of deceased employees are offered employment on compassionate grounds on out of turn basis subject to availability of vacancies and their meeting the eligibility qualifications. Relaxation has also been given in respect of age and experience. Employment of widows and femadl dependents is discouraged in unskilled posts like loaders and cleaners etc. while male dependents are generally reluctant to take up such jobs.

(d) Air India has constituted a co-operative society by the name of Air India Employees' Dependents Industrial Producers Co-operative Society especially to give relief to unskilled widows. This Society takes up the work on contract basis like tailoring, cooking etc. from the Corporation.

Appointments of Directors in Air India

2510. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 292 dated the 2nd January, 1991 and state :

(a) the salient features of the report if any submitted by the Advisor to the then Chairman and Managing Director, Air India on improvement in coordination and passenger facilitation services for which he was retained on contract basis ;

(b) how far these suggestions have led to improvement in the existing activities of Air India in these spheres; and

(c) the reaction of the Air India and his Ministry thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) The Adviser to the previous CMD, Air India had submitted reports on the various assignments given to him. The reports related to performance monitoring with special reference to the Engineering Department, Cabin Cleaning, airport Services and Inflight Services Departments.

(b) and (c) The suggestions made in these reports have been examined and action taken wherever necessary.

Service regulations of Air India

2511. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 229 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1991 and state the date on which the Service Regulations of Air India were laid on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : There was no requirement to place Air India Employee Service Regulations before Parliament when they were orginally notified. Subsequently after amendment to Air Corporations Act, 1953, in 1982, amendment to Air India Employees Service Regulations, as and when necessary, have been laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament. For example, five amendments, which were gazetted in 1988 were laid on the table of the Lok Sabha in December, 1988.

Luxury cars purchased by Air India

2512. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has recently purchased some new imported cars which were got air-conditioned;

(b) if so, the total expediture incurred on these cars and the necessity for their purchase during the present financial stringency and to which use these are being put to;

(c) whether he is aware that all these cars are being used by the higher executives the Air India and all these trips are being logged as 'official' ; and

(c) if so, whether he will have the matter investigated and prevent such misuse of cars in the Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Expansion in Indian Airlines

2513. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines have expanded its capacity ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Indian Airlines have any plan for further expansion of its capacity during the Eighth Plan ; and

(d) if so, the details threof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In its winter schedule effective 1st November, 1991, Indian Airlines has increased utilisation of A-310 aircraft and augmented capacity on many routes. It has introduced new links on ten routes and increased capacity on thirty routes. This has helped to provide additional 4500 seats every day.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has placed orders for delivery of 12 Air bus A-320 aircraft during the period from 1992-93 to 1994-95.

International Tourism Day

2514. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the functions, exhibitions or tourism melas organised to celebrate the International Tourism Day on September 27, 1991 ; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Several functions were organised to celebtrate the world Tourism Day on 27September , 1991.